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In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: *# 7 / PRE*
 Haimerl et al.)
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Honorable Commissioner of
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*Darlene S. McGrath**April 27, 2001**(date of mailing document)*PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-65 and add new claims 66-124:

66. Footwear with an upper and a sole construction having an outsole, in which:
 the upper is constructed with an outer material and with a waterproof functional layer at least partially lining the outer material on the inner side of the latter and having an upper end region on the sole side with an outer-material end region and a functional-layer end region;
 the functional-layer end region has a region requiring sealing; and
 the outsole is adhesively bonded to the upper end region by means of outsole cement located on it, the outsole cement being formed at least in a subregion of the outsole lying opposite the region requiring sealing of the functional-layer end region *by a reactive hot-melt adhesive which brings about waterproofness when in the fully reacted state.*

67. Footwear according to Claim 66, in which the functional-layer end region has an overhang projecting beyond the outer-material end region, and the outsole cement is formed at least in a subregion of the outsole which is closed in the direction of the sole periphery and lies opposite at least part of the width of the overhang by a reactive hot-melt adhesive which brings about waterproofness when in the fully reacted state.

68. Footwear according to Claim 67, in which the reactive hot-melt adhesive extends over the entire width of the overhang.